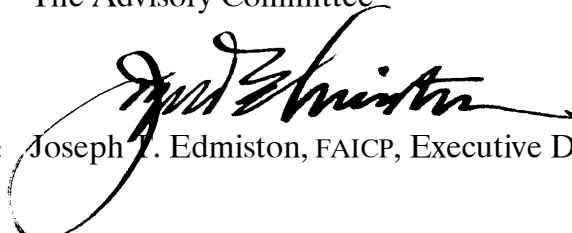


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: April 25, 2005

From :  Joseph L. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 19: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds for Project Planning , Design and Construction of Westridge/Upper Mandeville parking lot and entry.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the development and construction of the Westridge/Upper Mandeville parking lot and entry.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of Public Resources Code.

Background: The joint purchase of the 239-acre Westridge-Upper property by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) and the City of Los Angeles included a requirement of the MRCA to provide parking for the existing trailhead and other amenities. See the staff report for agenda item 15 for additional background and a map of the site. After several design proposals, neighborhood meetings, and assistance from the Council office of Cindy Miscikowki, MRCA staff along with City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering assistance have proposed a workable design for the site.

The project will provide 14 parking spaces at the terminus of Westridge Road and 16 new spaces before the gate at San Vicente Mountain Park along dirt Mulholland. As part of the improvements, an entry gate, kiosk, rule signs, and other amenities will be designed.

The design will be presented to the Proposition K Steering Committee for final approval. After this last review hurdle, the MRCA can proceed with construction documents and attempt to complete construction in early summer of 2005.